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The 10-million dollar man

Congratulations to KEDA team member Jason Murray of Tobacco Row Industries. Through hard work, a lot of miles on the road and outstanding salesmanship, Jason exceeded \$10 million in sales for 2011.

He has expanded the Tobacco Row footprint across the state and brought in more than 15 new customers, including several lucrative new deals with other tribes.

“With the economy in such uncertainty, everyone is trying to find ways to cut cost,” Jason said. “No one can really afford to purchase those premium name-brand cigarettes such as Marlboro or Winston, so they purchase generic or fourth-tier cigarettes.”

Generic cigarettes make up about 40 to

50 percent of the business. Jason’s territory covers the states of Kansas and Oklahoma and primarily selling KEDA’s products to Native America smoke shops and other wholesalers.

“I’ve been doing this for three years, and each year the company sets a new goal by increasing the previous year’s sales by \$2 million,” Jason said. “Every year my goals have been achieved, and this year I’m shooting for \$14-16 million in sales. I really love what I’m doing and it excites me to achieve these goals.”

Thanks, Jason, for your determination and dedication to the Kaw Nation and KEDA.

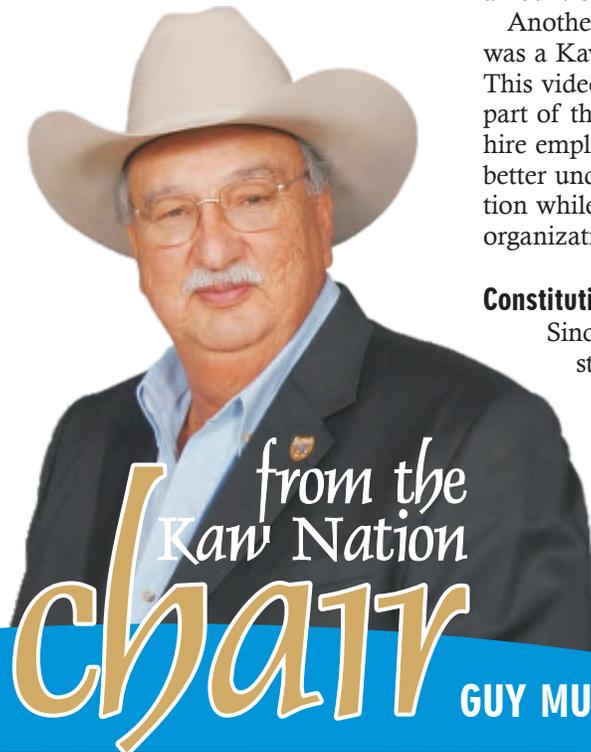


Jason Murray,
KEDA

In January 2012, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback delivered his State of the State Address in Topeka and asked me to be his guest. Below is part of his introduction speech:

"Our great state is 150 years old. Many have come before us, and God willing, many more will come after us. I would like to recognize the first Kansans; our Native American Leaders, Chairman Tim Rhodd, Iowa Tribe; Chairman Steve Cadue, Kickapoo Tribe; and Council Treasurer Noah Wahquahboshkuk from the Prairie Bank Potawatomi Tribe.

"Also joining us tonight is Guy Munroe, Chairman of the Kaw Nation, also known as the Kansas Indians, after whom our State, Kansas, is named, and of course, this building is crowned with the statue of a Kansa Indian... shooting for the stars. Thank you for being with us tonight."



Project updates

We have several ongoing projects at the Kaw Nation Headquarters, one being the Laser Fiche Project. Vital documents are first scanned then downloaded into a database and stored for safe keeping. To date, all Resolutions, Policies and Procedures, Tribal minutes and General Council minutes have been completed dating back to 1988 through 2011. This will be an ongoing task.

A new storage building was constructed across the road from our Powwow grounds. This will house tribal assets belonging to the Kaw Nation Environmental Department.

Our Human Resources and I.T. departments have taken on the daunting task of moving the timekeeping process into the electronic world with the implementation of a biometric time system. Using this system will help increase the processing time, lower mistakes, and save time and money by reducing the amount of redundant paperwork.

Another project recently completed was a Kaw Nation orientation video. This video has been implemented as part of the orientation process for new-hire employees and will give them a better understanding of the Kaw Nation while they become part of our organization.

Constitutional changes

Since the passing of our new Constitution in August 2011, several items required by that change are now completed. Ms.

Alyssa Campbell has been appointed to serve as the new Attorney General for the Kaw Nation. Please welcome Alyssa along

with our interim Vice Chairperson, Patti Kramer.

Three new Judges have been sworn into office: Supreme Court Justice Hon. Charles H. Tripp, C. Steven Hager and Lisa B. Otipoby-Herbert. Each will serve a four-year term. Chief District Court Judge Robert Gifford was sworn under the old constitution, and his term will expire in July 2017.

Website and upcoming events

The Kaw Nation website year-end reports have shown a significant increase with visits to our site. Compared to the previous year, our site has increased 99 percent (or 1 million hits). Most surprising were the foreign countries interested in our history, language and culture.

Several upcoming events will be hosted by Kaw Nation. The *Voices of the Wind* Pageant and Washunga Days Powwow will be held in Council Grove, Kan. The Veterans Award and the Annual Intertribal Powwow will be held at the Community Center, and the Annual Health Fair will be held in Newkirk, Okla. Please check our website www.kawnation.com for dates, directions and times of these events.

As we continue to grow as a nation, it is my privilege to announce that we currently have **3,209** enrolled as tribal citizens.

Please remember that my door is always open for you to share your concerns, ask questions, request help and share your family news and achievements with us.

Have a great spring!

Guy Munroe
Chairman/CEO



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Kansas apologizes to Kaw Nation, other tribes

On Nov. 16, 2011, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback signed a proclamation apologizing to the Indian tribes who previously had occupied land within what are now the state's borders.

The governor signed the proclamation as part of Kansas' ongoing commemoration of its 150th year of statehood.

The event was held at the Kansas Historical Society, in Topeka.

Participants included leaders from the four tribes with reservations in Kansas — the Iowa, the Kickapoo, the Prairie Band Potawatomi and the Sac & Fox. Also joining them was the Kaw Nation.

Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe represented the Kaw (Kanza) Nation and spoke of this historical moment:

Governor Brownback:

Speaking on behalf of the Kanza/Kaw Nation, we humbly accept your apology. To hear this apology directed to all Native Indians in a public forum such as this will someday be noted in the history books.

Recognizing the errors made in history and resolving those differences will help all of us achieve a more acceptable journey into the future.

We asked our "Great Spirit" to forgive those who have done injustice to our ancestors and guide us into the future using the wisdom we have gained over the past.

The Kaw were a prominent tribe in what became Kansas, but treaties before statehood in 1861 reduced the tribe's lands and its members were pushed into Oklahoma after the Civil War.



Gov. Brownback and Chairman Munroe

Officials of the five tribes represented say they accept the apology and hope it leads to greater cooperation with the state of Kansas. Each Tribal Chairman was given a copy of the proclamation and a live buffalo in honor of the apology.



TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS,
GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, for a millennia, Native Peoples have honored, protected, and stewarded this land of Kansas we cherish, and Native Peoples are a spiritual people with a deep and abiding belief in the Creator, and for millennia Native Peoples have maintained a powerful spiritual connection to this land; and

WHEREAS, too often in our Nation's dealings with Native Peoples there was a spirit of deception. A desire to mislead to gain advantage; and

WHEREAS, the United States forced Indian tribes and their citizens to move away from their tra-

ditional homelands and onto federally established and controlled reservations, four of which are in Kansas. Many Native Peoples suffered and perished during the execution of the Federal Government policy of forced removal; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government initiated the forcible removal of native children from their families to faraway boarding schools where their native practices and languages were degraded and often forbidden and condemned; and

WHEREAS, despite the wrongs committed against Native Peoples, the Native Peoples have remained committed to the protection of

this great land by continuing to serve honorably in the United States Armed Forces, and Indian tribes are resilient and determined to preserve, develop and transmit to future generations their unique cultural identities and certain unalienable rights endowed by their creator, and among those are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim and recognize the special legal and political relationship Indian tribes have with the State of Kansas and the solemn covenant with the land we share, and commends and honors Native Peoples

for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected the land of Kansas, and expresses regret for former wrongs and apologizes on behalf of the people of Kansas to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, deception and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples, and resolves to move forward with the recognized tribes in a positive and constructive relationship that will help us fairly and effectively resolve differences to achieve our mutual goals and harmoniously steward and protect this land we call Kansas.

DONE: In Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 16th day of November, A.D. 2011

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, April 15, 2012 • 10 a.m. to noon

Community Building • Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds

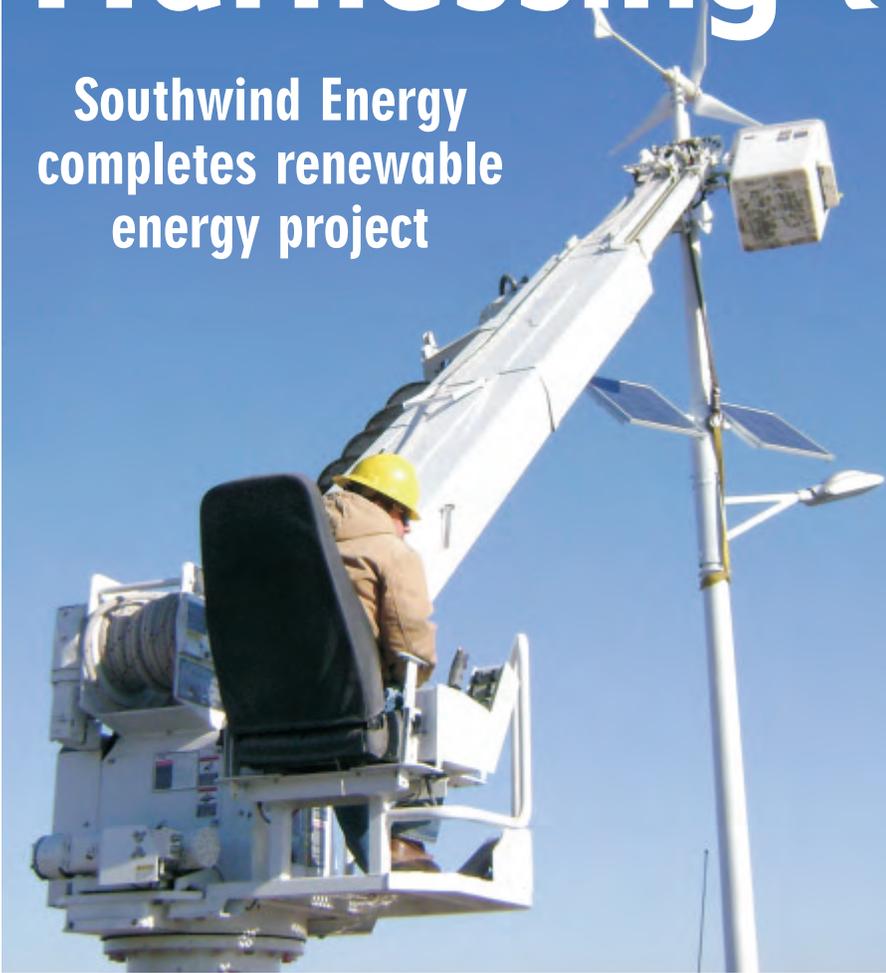
Lunch will be served for those in attendance

Visit www.kawnation.com for future notices

If you have questions, contact Tammy Wingo, Executive Secretary, at 580-269-2552

Harnessing the wind

Southwind Energy completes renewable energy project



In the first joint project of its kind in northcentral Oklahoma, Southwind Energy, an enterprise of the Kaw Nation, partnered with Pioneer Technology Center and Ponca City Energy to assemble and install a wind and solar lighting unit in Ponca City.

CareerTech students and instructors received hands experience assembling and wiring the turbine and solar panels. Students were enthusiastic about the experience of participating in a green energy project.

Ponca City Energy supervisors and crews assisted with technical and foundation advice, raising and setting the hybrid unit.

“The Kaw Enterprise Development Authority has been excited to work with these students from CareerTech and with Ponca City Energy to bring innovative alternative energy technology to the area,” Ken Luttrell, Southwind Energy spokesperson, said. “The Kaw Nation, known as The Wind People, has a long heritage and relationship with the south wind and a commitment to renewable green energy.”

Southwind Energy is a distributor and installer of wind and solar hybrid lighting. Cost effective and easy to install the devices provide strong, bright lighting for large parking lots such as shopping, medical and corporate centers. Streets, sidewalks, bike paths, security, farm and ranch lighting are all perfectly suited for their application.

Businesses interested in lowering energy costs, reducing their carbon footprint and pollution find hybrid lighting products as a viable economical option.

Designed to operate with no line voltage, trenching or metering the units offer significant benefits over traditional grid-based electrical lighting, reducing pollution, power consumption and carbon dioxide emissions. The LED lighting should last 100,000 hours compared to conventional lights’ 10,000-hour life with substantial energy savings. Turbines and solar panels have a life expectancy of 20-25 years with virtually no maintenance. There is a substantial cost savings over five years compared to usual systems with a hybrid having a payback period of 2.1 years.

Southwind’s upcoming projects include Career Tech involvement in a vertical-axis wind turbine generator assembly and the installation of a lighting unit at the Kaw Nation tribal complex in Kaw City illuminating the Warrior and Horse statue.



Technician Joe Leclair



Mike Smith, owner of Sepstar, and Laurence Beliel, PCDA



CareerTech students

From left, Sarah Clinton, Marketing Specialist for SouthWind Casino; Salvation Army Capt. John Robbins; and Ken Luttrell, Public Relations Director for KEDA.



Casino play for a cause

Kaw SouthWind Casino was the host of a special free play promotion in January with the goal of giving back to the community.

Casino guests received free play for the donation of non-perishable food items each Sunday in January. Food gathered from the promotion was donated to the Salvation Army in Ponca City.

The Salvation Army provides food, shelter, grief counseling and pastoral care to hundreds of local families in need each year.

In all, more than 900 guests of SouthWind Casino pitched in to donate nearly 1,000 non-perishable food items.

Carol Clark, Player's Club Supervisor and Kaw tribal member, said the response to the promotion was overwhelming.

"Some guests brought in sacks of canned food," Clark said. "They keep asking when we are bringing the promotion back."

Clark appreciates the promotion, and said she knows many people who have benefited from services the Salvation Army provides, such as their food bank.

Players Club employee Brenda Adams said she was surprised by the generosity of so many guests.

"If they didn't realize they needed canned food to qualify for free play, they would just run down to the store," Adams said. "Most of them would come back with more than one item to donate. They were more than generous."

Salvation Army Captain John Robbins came personally to pick up the food items from the casino. Robbins said the food donation will go to help some wonderful families in need.

"You do come to a point where your food bank runs dry," Robbins said. "With this donation, we can help more people."

The Salvation Army oversees several local organizations and services including the Boys and Girls Club, homeless

and rapid housing relocation, Club 3:16, counseling services and many more.

Funding for the Salvation Army and its services comes almost entirely from the holiday Red Kettle Campaign, the Salvation Army Thrift Store and individual donations. Robbins said he is thrilled at how the casino and its guests have stepped up to help the organization.

Kaw SouthWind Casino and the Salvation Army are eagerly looking forward to more opportunities to join together and better serve the community.



'It's the luckiest casino in Oklahoma'

That's what the locals of the Kaw Nation SouthWind Casino in Newkirk, Okla., are saying after a big win.

An Oklahoma man won \$1.88 million on a "StarWars" wide-area progressive jackpot Feb. 22.

Carol Clark, Players Club supervisor and one of the first witnesses to the jackpot, said it was quite the event to watch.

"The machine went totally silent — no bells, no whistles," Clark said. "He looked pale. I watched one of our floor managers receive the news from him, and she went pale too."

While the lucky winner prefers to remain anonymous, his enormous winnings are the talk of the casino, city and entire county.

General Manager Pam Shaw has been in the casino industry for more than nine years. Shaw said this is the largest jackpot of this type she's ever seen.

"I don't know if I'm more excited or nervous, but this is such an amazing win. Shaw said. "We are proud that we are able to be a part of this life-changing celebration."

The Kaw Nation SouthWind Casino has been in part of this community for more than 27 years offering more than 600 electronic gaming machines, table games, pari-mutuel betting, high-stakes bingo and a full service café.

KEDA co-hosts Lt. Governor's Awards

The Kaw Enterprise Development Authority was recently pleased to be a sponsor for Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb's presentation of the Pioneer Woman Award.

The Pioneer Woman of the Year Award was started in 1977 by Lt. Gov. George Nigh as a way to recognize women who have made significant contributions to Oklahoma and embody the spirit that E.W. Marland chose to honor many years ago.

The Pioneer Woman statue is not only important to Ponca City and Oklahoma but recognized throughout the world as a symbol of confidence, determination and belief in a better future.

KEDA hosted Lt. Gov. Lamb, former Lt. Gov. and honoree Jari Askins, the late Sen. Myers' wife Sara, Ponca City Economic Development director David Myers and Chamber of Commerce members.

Conoco Phillips and KEDA were recognized during the ceremony as premier partners in the community and their economic impact.

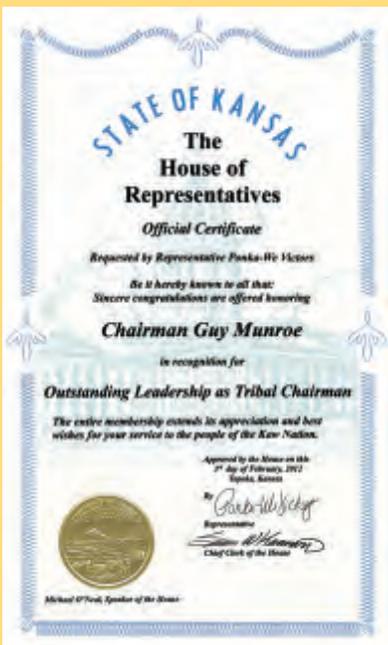


Lt. Gov. Lamb

HONORS and ACHIEVEMENTS



Please welcome **Patti Kramer** as our new interim Vice Chair of the Tribal Council. She is currently employed by the Gaming Commission. Her term will expire in September 2012. On Feb. 3, 2012, Kramer accepted the award presented to Chairman Guy Munroe in recognition for "**Outstanding Leadership as Tribal Chairman**" from the Kansas House of Representatives, requested by Rep. Ponka-We Victors.



New faces at Kaw Nation CCDF

Jennifer Campbell is Program Coordinator with the School Age Enrichment Center. A member of the Cherokee Nation, she is now in her third year at Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kan., and she plans on receiving her degree in Early Childhood Education. She was previously a Lead Teacher at Kanza Child Care Center, where she enjoyed being in the infant room.

Nicholas Coble is Child Care Development Fund Contact Representative for the Kaw Nation. Nick received his Associate's Degree from Oklahoma City Community College and his Bachelor's in Psychology from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He is a Master's Program candidate at NWOSU on the track of becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

Sara Bell is Director of Kaw Nation's Child Care Development Fund Program. A member of the Ponca Tribe, Sara graduated from Oklahoma Wesleyan University, earning her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and interning with the Ponca Tribe in the Indian Child Welfare Department. Sara was previously director of a school age program in Austin, Texas. She also has experience in early childhood and school age camp settings.

Tomi Bailey is Program Coordinator with the School Age Enrichment Center. A member of the Cheyenne and Navajo tribes, she has 11 years experience as a day care teacher. Her teaching certificate is from Pioneer Technology Center in Ponca City. Tomi was previously Master Teacher in the Toddler Room at Kanza Child Care. She attends Northern Oklahoma College, where she plans to receive her Certificate of Mastery and then pursue her degree.

Alissa Kramer is CCDF Contact Representative and an enrolled citizen of the Kaw Nation. Early in her career, Alissa worked with grants and was Injury Prevention Coordinator. Before joining CCDF, she worked at Kanza Child Care Center. Alissa is enrolled at Northern Oklahoma College and strives for her degree in Childhood Education.

Kaw Housing Authority welcomes new faces

There are two new faces within the Kaw Housing Authority office.

Kelli Burke, Kaw tribal citizen, accepted the position of Housing Manager. Kelli has been employed with Kaw Nation since 2009 as CCDF Representative.

Faith Ballew comes to us from the Houston area with more than 28 years of teaching. Faith, Kaw tribal citizen, has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant. Her great-grandmother was the late Edith Pappan. Her mother Patricia Shreck resides in Ponca City.

If you have any questions, call Maryln, Faith or Kelli at 580-362-6264 or email kawhousing@yahoo.com.



Maryln Springer, Faith Ballew and Kelli Burke

Campbell named Kaw Nation Attorney General

Alyssa D. Campbell has been appointed to serve as the Attorney General for the Kaw Nation.

She is a partner with Legal Advocates for Indian Country, LLP, in Stillwater, Okla. In October 2006, Alyssa joined the firm where she practices Native American law, family law and criminal law. She has significant knowledge and experience in providing legal representation to victims of domestic violence. Ms. Campbell earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas in Austin and degrees in government and Spanish in 2001.

Ms. Campbell attended the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2004, earning her Juris Doctor, and her certification in American Indian Law from the Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy in 2004.

In 2003, Alyssa interned with the Tribal Justice Department located in

Washington, D.C. In 2004, she became a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Alyssa is currently licensed to practice in the State of Oklahoma, United States District Court Western District and numerous Tribal courts, which include the Chickasaw Nation Courts, Pawnee Nation Courts, Kaw Nation Court, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Courts and Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Courts.



Save the dates

Go to www.kawnation.com under 'Cultural' for more information on these events

Saturday, May 26

Veterans Award Ceremony at the Community Center at Washunga Bay.

Friday and Saturday, June 15-16

Washunga Days Powwow at Council Grove, Kan.

Friday thru Sunday, Aug. 3-5

Kaw Nation Powwow at Kaw City, Okla., Powwow Grounds at Washunga Bay.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15

'Voices of the Wind' Pageant in Council Grove, Kan.



The Kaw Council's 2012 'Exploring the Santa Fe Trail and Historic Kansas Springs' schedule

Sunday, April 1

Leo E. Oliva, Santa Fe Trail historian. "Pvt. Robert Morris Peck, First U.S. Cavalry, on the Santa Fe Trail, 1857-1861." First-person portrayal of Trooper Peck and his experiences on the Santa Fe Trail, including Council Grove and Lost Spring.

Sunday, April 15

Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Survey. "Historic Springs of Kansas." Historical significance of Kansas springs where human and natural history intersect — the "place where plants and animals and people come together."

Sunday, April 22

Earth Day special. Ron Parks, Kanza historian. "A Glimpse of Kanza Geography." Overview of two sacred sites important to the Kanza, Wakanda Springs and the Big Red Rock, as well as Kanza trails, campsites, hunting grounds and tribal names for Kansas springs, rivers and streams.

Information at www.kawnation.com, kawmission@kshs.org, www.kshs.org, www.friendsofkawheritage.org, or call the mission at 1-620-767-5410.



Volunteers needed at powwow

The Kaw Nation Cultural Committee is searching for volunteers to assist at the upcoming Kaw Powwow the first week in August.

These volunteers must be physically able to lift and move heavy items. If you are interested or know of someone who is, contact Rima Bellmard at 1-580-269-2552.

Judicial Branch swears in justices for new term



The Kaw Nation Judicial Branch, from left, Supreme Court Justice C. Steven Hager, Supreme Court Justice Lisa B. Otipoby Herbert, Chief District Court Judge Robert Don Gifford II and Chief Supreme Court Justice Charles H. Tripp. Justice Hager, Justice Otipoby Herbert and Chief Justice Tripp were recently sworn in for another term with the Kaw Nation Judicial Branch. Judge Gifford's current term will expire in 2017.



Congratulations to Kaw Nation Tribal Police Chief **Dan Tebow** and Assistant Police Chief **Tony Coleman** with their new promotions.

Dan joined Kaw Nation Police in January 2009. He has 34 years in Law Enforcement and is certified with CLEET and BIA.

Tony joined Kaw Nation Police in 2007 and has been adjudicated with the BIA. Tony has completed his Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country in 2008 and is certified with CLEET and BIA. Tony recently graduated from the Chief of Police Academy.

Library and Learning Center

The Kanza Library and Learning Center provides a wide range of reading material, including children, teen and adult fiction, as well as a broad range of nonfiction and reference items. It seeks to stimulate reading, writing, research and scholarships plus provides an educational resource to the community it serves.

We are open to the public, and patrons need not be of Native American descent to utilize these facilities. We are at 803 Washunga Drive in Kaw City, Okla., and you may reach us at 580-269-2738.

Our items of interest

- Five public computers with Internet access
- Meeting room with technological capabilities including wireless projector and screen
- Over 4,000 cataloged books
- Academic tutoring
- ACT and GED preparation resources
- Art in the afternoon
- Multilevel reading programs
- Teen mentoring and workshops
- Educational software and interest-based learning for kids
- Homework and project assistance
- Reference guides for writers
- Books, games and activities for toddlers and pre-kindergarten children
- Volunteer opportunities



Calah Lynes

Calah graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in December 2011 with a degree in Modern Languages – Spanish. She has been accepted into the graduate program Bilingual Education/Teaching English as a Second Language at UCO. After she graduates, Calah would like to teach English in the public school system or in a private school. She would also like to travel to different countries to teach English, preferably with a mission organization. Calah is a student on the Kaw Nation Graduate Program.



Maggie Sherman

Maggie earned a Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Her emphasis is in psychology, business administration and public administration, with a minor in Native American studies.



Ryanne Hilbert

Kaw Nation academic scholarship student Ryanne Hilbert is studying abroad at the Australia–University of West Australia. Ryanne’s home university is Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where she is majoring in civil engineering. Ryanne is pictured with the Sydney Bridge in the background. Cheers, Ryanne.

Free college tuition is Oklahoma’s promise

Oklahoma high school students have the chance to earn free college tuition by applying to Oklahoma’s Promise, the state’s higher learning access program.

Through the program, students in grades 8-10, or homeschool students age 13-15, who live in Oklahoma and whose parents earn \$50,000 or less per year, can earn:

- free tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university, or
- a portion of tuition at an accredited Oklahoma private college or university, or
- a portion of tuition for courses at public technology centers approved for credit toward an Associate in Applied Science degree at a public college.

For high school students to qualify...

- Graduate from an Oklahoma high school or homeschool education program.
- Take 17 units of college prep high school courses and achieve at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA in those courses.
- Achieve at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA for all courses in grades 9-12.
- Provide information when requested.
- Meet regularly with a school official to go over your school work and records.



- Apply for other financial aid during your senior year of high school.
- Take part in Oklahoma’s Promise activities that will prepare you for college.

If you don’t qualify for this program, see your counselor for information on additional scholarships, grants and student loans, or visit Oklahoma’s higher education website at www.OKcollegestart.org.

Additional guidelines may apply. For more information, log on to www.OKpromise.org, email to okpromise@osrhe.edu or call 800-858-1840.

Princess candidates sought



Kaw Powwow Princess eligibility requirements

A. Application procedure. An applicant for Kaw Nation Princess:

1. Must submit to the Kaw Nation Cultural Committee by Dec. 1 of the year prior to her intended reign:
 - a. a photograph in traditional Kaw dress;
 - b. a biography;
 - c. a letter of intent, telling why she wants to be Kaw Princess and how she will serve.
2. Will be notified verbally and by letter of the Cultural Committee's decision by Jan. 31 of the year of her proposed reign.
3. If chosen, must accept verbally and submit her Letter of Acceptance by Feb. 28 of the year of her reign. The Cultural Committee will then schedule a date for the Selected Princess to attend a meeting to go over the expectations and requirements.

B. Materials Received. Each Princess will receive a Princess Packet and must sign an acknowledgment of its receipt. The packet will contain:

1. a list of eligibility requirements;

2. Language CD;
 3. Kaw Nation History;
 4. Kaw Nation Tribal Information.
- ### C. Requirements during reign as Princess.

1. Must wear Kaw traditional dress – broadcloth skirt with pleat, traditional Kaw shirt, yarn belt, traditional Kaw moccasins and leggings – at all Powwows and ceremonial functions where she represents Kaw Nation.
2. Must be of good character, be willing to greet the public, and be a good ambassador for Kaw Nation.
3. Must be of Kaw descent or legally adopted by an enrolled Kaw tribal member.
4. Must be a current student in junior high, high school or college and be between 13 and 21 years of age.
5. Must be single with no children.
6. Must never have been married.
7. Must be able to represent Kaw Nation at a minimum of five powwows, more if possible. The five shall include Council Grove, Kaw and Standing Bear Powwows and two others

within a 50-mile radius of Kaw Nation headquarters.

8. Must attend other cultural or public relations events as requested by the Cultural Committee.
9. Must know and perform all appropriate dances.
10. Must wear Kaw crown and banner at all powwows. Must not hold any other princess titles until reign is over.
11. Must check in with Cultural Committee one hour prior to each event.
12. Must participate in all afternoon and evening sessions at Kaw Powwow and Council Grove Powwow in traditional Kaw dress.
13. Must learn enough Kaw language to give a greeting and/or prayer at public events.
14. Must be willing to fulfill unexpired term of her successor, if said successor has relinquished title (see below).
15. Must sit in the powwow arena if seating for princesses is provided.

D. Policies and procedures.

1. A \$1,000 princess fund has been established. Mileage will be paid from this fund for

travel to and from any powwows throughout Oklahoma. A mileage voucher should be completed and turned into the Cultural Committee Chairperson for forwarding to the Kaw Nation Accounting Department.

2. Princess requirements for 2012-2013 candidates will be published in the Kanza News, distributed at General Council meetings, and posted at Kaw Nation facilities. If no candidates submit applications, the Princess will be selected by invitation from the Kaw Nation Cultural Committee.
3. If any Kaw Nation Princess is determined by the Kaw Nation Cultural Committee after fair hearing to be unable to perform her duties or unfit to represent Kaw Nation, she will be asked to relinquish her title and crown and will be replaced by her predecessor for the balance of her reign.

For more information, contact Rima Bellmard at Kaw Nation Headquarters at 580-269-2552 or email rbellmard@kawnation.com.

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Eagle Watch

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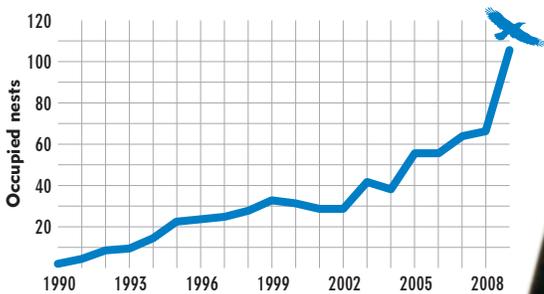
The 23rd annual Ultimate Eagle Watch saw an all-time record for attendance with 636, including 77 horseback riders. The event, held Jan. 20 in Kaw City, Okla., is sponsored by the Kaw Nation, Kaw Enterprise Development Authority, the City of Kaw City, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Kaw Lake Association, Ponca City Energy, Sutton Avian Research Foundation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

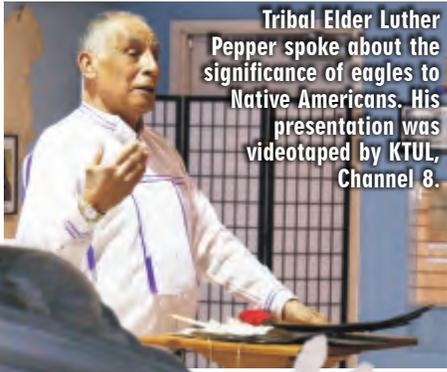
Kathy Siftar, a wildlife rehabilitator from Broken Arrow, Okla., displays one of the raptors in her care.



Michele Walenciak from Cinnamon Valley Exotics shows off a sugar glider. Michele's program is always a hit, especially with the kids.

Bald eagle nests in Oklahoma, 1990-2009





Tribal Elder Luther Pepper spoke about the significance of eagles to Native Americans. His presentation was videotaped by KTUL, Channel 8.



Jonathan Coleman's audience always has questions. Coleman, a member of the Oklahoma Falconers Association, keeps only two falcons at a time. He prefers female falcons because they teach their young to hunt.

"I only keep these raptors for two years," Coleman said. "In that time span, they are taught to hunt for larger prey such as pheasant, rabbits and ducks. Then, once they become comfortable with their hunting skills, they are released back into their habitat, preserving a longer survival rate."



Above left, Gary Siftar from the Perkins Aviary Project presented a slide show and spoke of the rehabilitation of the many raptors under their care. Above right, Eugene Young, a biology professor at Northern Oklahoma College, presented a slide show featuring photos of bald eagles along the Arkansas River.

Left, Bensar, a captive bald eagle, is held by Ryan VanZant, trainer for the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center in Bartlesville. VanZant explained to a large audience how the program came into existence. In the early 1990s, there were no paired eagles in existence. By the end of 2011, reports showed 120 paired eagles living in Oklahoma [see table].

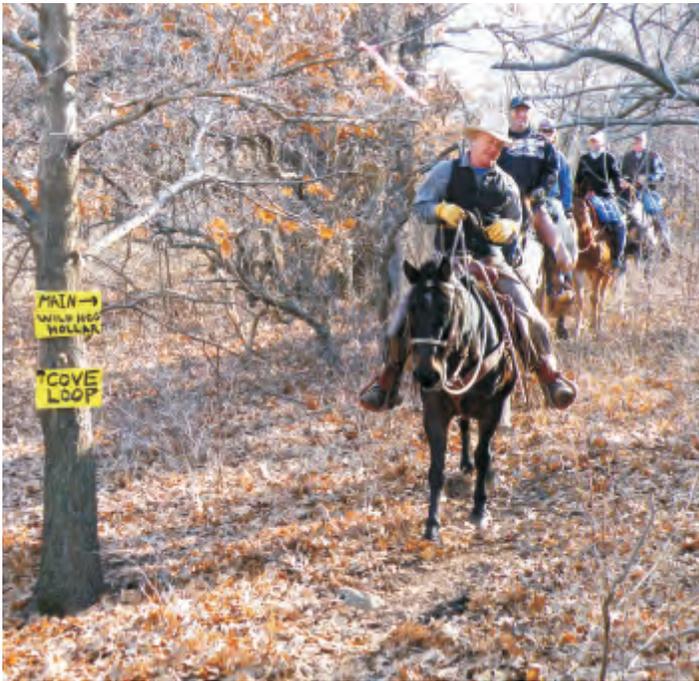


Finishing off the day was a traditional Native American meal provided by the Kaw Nation. Left, Donna Barrone prepared corn soup and fry bread, always a crowd favorite. More than 400 were served at the Native American free lunch.

Above, Girl Scout Troop 379 members Kelsey Pemberton, Haley Pemberton, Nichole Beyer and Emma Taylor volunteered by serving refreshments to Eagle Watch guests.



Eagles were spotted near Pioneer Cove, Sarge Creek and Washunga Bay during the Ultimate Eagle Watch Jan. 20.



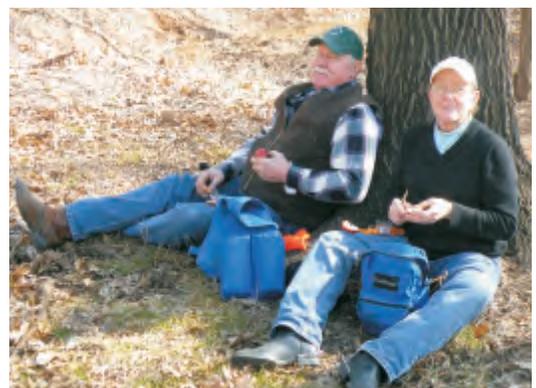
Eagle viewing by horseback

As temperatures steadily rose on this unusually warm January day, people started to unload their horses and gear at Rick Boyd and Lori Young's Ranch, upper right photo, ready to join others as they ventured among the wooded area to view eagles by horseback. Young said 77 horseback riders partici-

pated in this first-time event.

Special thanks go to Rick and Lori for hosting the event, opening their ranch and feeding all the guests.

Below left, Jim Anderson from the Corps of Engineers addressed the riders before they started the trek on horseback.



KANZA HEALTH CLINIC



Linda Vann, her guest, Iva Pitts, and Paula Greenwood



The Third Annual Diabetic Update Meeting was held Dec. 13, 2011, at the J.R. McCauley Building in Newkirk, Okla., with more than 60 guests in attendance.

Hosting the event was Cindy Wilson, R.N., Public Health Nurse and Diabetes Coordinator for the Kanza Clinic. "This dinner-meeting is a way to reward our patients for their due diligence in attending and learning how to manage their diabetes," Cindy says. "The evening meal was prepared using all healthy ingredients and was portion controlled, including the delicious apple cake, prepared with Splenda."

Guest speakers were Dona Veal, M.D., and Dr. Schiff, a

well-known cardiologist in the Ponca City area. Dr. Veal spoke on how important it is to bring those glucose meter readings into her office, while Dr. Schiff spoke about keeping your heart healthy and the arteries clear.

"If you are a diabetic," Schiff said, "it is important to maintain a healthy heart. They go hand in hand."

The evening ended with numerous door prizes for the guests, with the grand prize being a large flat-screen television awarded to M.G. Lesser. To learn more about diabetes, visit www.kawnation.com, go under **Departments and Services** and click on **Kanza Health Clinic**.

From left, Julie Free, Dietician; Angela Oldfield, L.P.N.; Paula McCann, L.P.N.; Cindy Wilson, R.N., Public Health Nurse and Diabetes Coordinator; M.G. Lessert, winner of the flat-screen TV, and Dona Veal, M.D.

TITLE VI FOOD SERVICES

Kaw Nation Title VI Food Services currently deliver 28 meals to Native Americans in the City of Newkirk, Okla., and 61 meals to the Ponca City, Okla., area.

Our Kanza health nurse comes once a month and will check your blood pressure and blood sugar at no cost. Immediately following lunch will be an afternoon of bingo, so come and join us for some fun and laughter.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Find our weekly menu on our website at www.kawnation.com listed under **Departments – Title VI**.

To be eligible for Title VI Program services:

- You must be 55 years or older
- Spouses are included
- Must be enrolled on a Native American Indian roll
- Live in our service area

➤ If you are disabled and not over age 55 but have to live with an Indian Elder

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The Title VI Program has been operating for 23 years. If you have any questions or concerns about this program please call 580-269-2552, ext. 249, and ask to speak with Ladoma Bryan, Director.





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**KAW NATION
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Environmental Commission meeting

Above, Dr. Dejene Alemayehu makes his presentation at the Kaw Nation Environmental Commission Meeting. The Kaw Nation Environmental Department conducted the annual meeting on Jan. 13. The meeting was held to discuss what KNED accomplished in 2011, and the challenges ahead in 2012. The commission members discussed activities and policies which would need prime attention. Commission members also ranked in order of importance the goals and objectives for KNED. The Grants and Contracts Department employees also made a presentation to receive the commission's input.

Tours seeking participants

If any tribal citizens are interested in participating in water quality and fish sampling using the KNED air boat, contact Vanessa Ailey, KNED Administrative Assistant, at 580-269-2552, ext. 232, or by email at vailey@kawnation.com to register.

If any tribal citizens or nearby schools are interested in joining KNED on a study tour to the Beaver Creek Wetland site and the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks in the spring or summer, contact Vanessa Ailey, KNED Administrative Assistant, at 580-269-2552, ext. 232, or by email at vailey@kawnation.com to register.

Air Monitoring System

In order to protect the health and welfare of the Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens, KNED has installed an air monitoring system at the Kaw Nation Tribal Plaza in Braman, Okla.

The air monitor will catch pollutants which contribute to upper respiratory problems. The monitor is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 6, Air Quality Division. KNED also borrowed an ozone monitor from the Quapaw Nation. The ozone monitor will measure the ozone concentrates which can affect the health and well being of tribal citizens.

These two monitors will be kept for three years and all the data collected from the Braman site will be automatically submitted to the U.S. EPA databases. KNED has developed its capacity in storing this information in its database for future references.



Environmental magazine

KNED prepared and distributed 1,700 environmental magazines to the Kaw Nation tribal citizens. The magazine showcased the accomplishments of KNED for 2011.

The magazine focused on five major issues: developing the Kaw Nation 5-year Energy Strategic Plan (2010-2015); developing a 5-year energy developmental activities; outreach services conducted in close cooperation with nearby schools to restore the Beaver Creek Wetland site; activities conducted in challenging illegal dump sites that affect the health and well being of our society; and addressing the effect of water and air pollution on tribal citizens.

The KNED magazine can be viewed at the Kaw Nation website www.kawnation.com under **Departments — Environmental Program**. Additional copies are available at the KNED office in Kaw City.

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The Kaw Nation Child Support programs have had a positive impact on the tribal community. Children are receiving financial and emotional support from **both** parents, which has proven to be a significant strength to the Kaw Nation.

As a sovereign nation it is our responsibility to take care of our children in order to preserve our future.

The Child Support Program is indispensable to the success of our citizens.

During these difficult economic times, native families are under tremendous constraints. As a Child Support Program we go the extra distance to ensure children receive support from both parents. We are continually seeking effective ways to provide the most beneficial services. Steps are taken to get into the courtroom as soon as an application is received.

Kaw Nation Child Support Services works with both parents to overcome any obstacles involved in paying child support. The Supervised Tribal Enforcement Payment Plan (STEPP) has been created to encourage parents to seek



employment to be able to pay their child support instead of going to jail.

The Kaw Nation Child Support Services is now in the fourth year of operation. In the previous three years:

- We have been of service to more than 100 families.
- Paternities have been established on over 90 percent of the cases.
- We have established obligations on 81 percent of the cases.
- 91 percent of the cases with orders have been collected.
- 7 percent of the past due support has been collected and distributed.
- 72 percent of the cases with arrears are paying toward those arrears.

➤ We have collected and distributed more than a quarter of a million dollars to families in the past three years.

➤ We have exceeded the goals which were set at the beginning of the program and are reviewing the needs of the families and are striving to increase those numbers.

The Kaw Nation Child Support staff is working hard to live up to the mission statement established three years ago. Our mission statement says:

“The Kaw Nation Child Support Services Program will provide a pathway toward strengthening family responsibility and thereby empowering children with opportunities for emotional, spiritual and physical well being.”

The Kaw Nation Child Support Services is here to serve the citizens of the Kaw Nation. If we can do anything to help you in receiving child support for your children, call us at 580-765-9952 or come by the office at 400 E. Central, Suite 301E in Ponca City, Okla.

SCHOOL AGE ENRICHMENT CENTER



The Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center recently enjoyed Winter Break with the children. There were science experiments, including the egg-in-a-jar-of-vinegar mystery, and we went on a nature walk reenacting parts from the book we shared in team meetings, “Where the Wild Things Are.”

The children found a large tree wide enough the whole group could sit beneath it and named it “Lovely.” We ventured to Cowley County Cinema and enjoyed popcorn while watching “Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-wrecked.” Our children also visited the Kaw Nation Library and reveled in story-telling, making ornaments, and all the variety of books.



The highlight of Winter Break was the fieldtrips to Henry’s Candy Factory in Dexter, Kan., and the Wondertorium in Stillwater, Okla. The children were able to experience homemade candy at Henry’s — yummy! And what fun they had pretending to be doctors and milking cows, and utilizing skills in art, math and culture while “living” in Japan.

We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of each child’s life. Our goals are to make this program grow above and beyond anything this area has ever seen. At Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center, we seek to enrich your child’s growth by inspiring service, success and strength.

**Now accepting children ages 5-12
in the Newkirk School District**

Summer slots available for all

**101 Charles Curtis Lane
Newkirk, OK 74647**

**Call 580-362-4114 to speak with a
School Age Coordinator, or visit**

www.kawnation.com/ccdf

If I were to describe the Human Resource function in two words it would be “process analysis.” This is a description of what an HR department does — analyzing processes, making recommendations for improvement, analyzing results and looking for ways to further improve, thereby helping to guide and improve the organization.

Our role is both strategic and secondary to the organizational mission. Over the last six months, I have been involved in numerous projects and employee issues, working towards organizing the HR function and to improve service to the Kaw Nation.

Some of the projects involve reorganizing the HR department itself. We are currently working to update the HR personnel files, bringing them into update and legal compliance. New personnel folders are being implemented, which will help us organize information in a better and easier way to access. We are in the process of computerizing the

HR department, which will help us provide reliable, quality information quickly and provide a higher rate of dependency.

A huge process, as everyone knows, is to move our timekeeping process into the electronic world with the implementation of our biometric time system. This will increase processing time, de-

crease mistakes and save time and money by reducing the amount of redundant paperwork and work hours involved in the normal process of payroll systems.

Another project recently completed was our new Kaw Nation orientation video. With the hard work of Jennie Baker and Crystal Douglas, this project was completed, and we now have implemented an orientation process for new-hire employees, which will help them become part of our organization and give them a better understanding of the Kaw Nation.

There are always many projects going on in Human Resources. If you need help or assistance with any employment issue, please contact me at extension 208, Tammy Estes at extension 212, or Lana Burke at extension 209. Thanks for all your hard work and cooperation on HR projects.

*Randy Lawson
Human Resource Director*



Native Americans represent highest service per capita

According to the 2010 Census, American Indians and Alaska Natives represent 5.2 Million people in the United States, 1.7 percent of the U.S. population. There are currently 566 federally recognized tribal nations in the U.S. and an estimated 10 percent of the natural resources located within the U.S. are on tribal lands.

President Obama referenced Native Americans in the State of the Union by highlighting the military service of Natives. Currently more than 24,000 active duty American Indians and Alaska Natives serve in the Armed Forces – representing the highest service per capita of any other group.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released a 2010 Census brief, *The American Indian and Alaska Native Population: 2010*, that shows almost half

(44 percent) of this population, or 2.3 million people, reported being American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races. This multi-racial group grew by 39 percent from 2000 to 2010.

More than three-fourths live outside tribal areas

A majority of the American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population (78 percent) lived outside of American Indian and Alaska Native areas. At the same time, most counties with relatively higher proportions of American Indians and Alaska Natives tended to be in close proximity to reservations, trust lands or Oklahoma tribal statistical areas. This was especially evident in counties throughout the West and in Oklahoma.

Majority live in 10 states

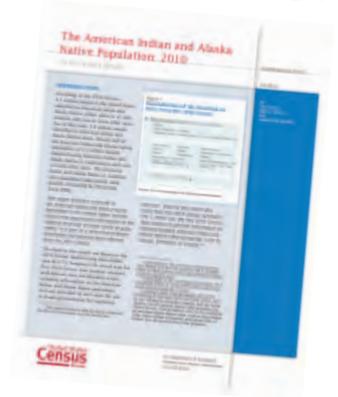
The 10 states with the largest American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population in 2010 were California, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, New York, New Mexico, Washington, North Carolina, Florida and Michigan. Among these states, Texas, North Carolina and Florida experienced substantial rates of growth in this population at 46 percent, 40 percent and 38 percent, respectively. The American Indian and Alaska Native alone population experienced growth of at least 20 percent in Texas, North Carolina, Florida and New York.

Tribal groupings

The largest number of people who identified with an

American Indian tribal grouping, either alone or in combination, identified as Cherokee (819,000). The Navajo tribal grouping had the largest number of individuals who identified with one tribal grouping and no other race (287,000).

From the U.S. Census Bureau, 2010



View the Census Bureau brief at
www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-10.pdf

Dr. Robert Rankin

Keeper of the Kaw language

The only known sound recordings of the Kaw language were made by Dr. Robert Rankin in the 1970s, when he worked with the last fluent speakers of the language. He made brief recordings with Walter Kekahbah and Ralph Pepper, but his most extensive work was with Maude McCauley Clark Rowe.

He hadn't expected to work with American languages. He wrote his doctoral dissertation at the University of Chicago on Romanian language dialects, doing research in that — at the time communist — country for two years. But in 1973 a colleague, Dale Nicholas, who worked on Choctaw, convinced him that it was his duty as an American linguist to try to document at least one Native American language. He settled on Quapaw, and his interest in comparing related languages led him to Kaw.

He commented recently, "When I got into the Kaw language, and really enjoying my work with the Kaw People, I never looked back."

In the mid-1970s he worked with Mrs. Rowe every chance he got — for several weeks each summer,

two hours a day, and if he could grab a few days over spring break or Christmas, he'd head back down. He says Mrs. Rowe was a delightful person. She had a marvelous sense of humor that made her a pleasure to work with and that carried them through some comically awkward moments.

Those of us who know Dr. Rankin today think of him as the renowned emeritus professor of linguistics from University of Kansas, but back then, he was at the beginning of his career, a young man in his 30s just starting out with Kaw language and, in his words, a little timid. Mrs. Rowe was in her 70s, and her kindness, humor and wisdom led to a collaboration that produced almost 50 hours of recordings, as together they worked their way through James Owen Dorsey's two dozen Kaw stories and his 4000-plus word list. (*See Kanza News winter 2001 issue for an article about Dorsey.*)

Years later, he recalls that a group of Kaw tribal members, including Jim Pepper Henry, Little Carol Clark, and Johnny McCauley, appeared in his doorway at KU and asked about the record-



ings he made and if he would be willing to give copies to the tribe. He was and he did.

This event led to his collaboration with the Kaw Tribe as it began to build a language program. He worked with Lonnie Burnett and Kelly Estes Test at first, then especially productively for nine years with Justin McBride, and now with Linda Cumberland and Kira Mathews, to produce language lessons, language tapes, a language CD, a board game, the *Kanza Reader*, and now a dictionary, due out by the end of 2012. The one major project still remaining is a grammar of

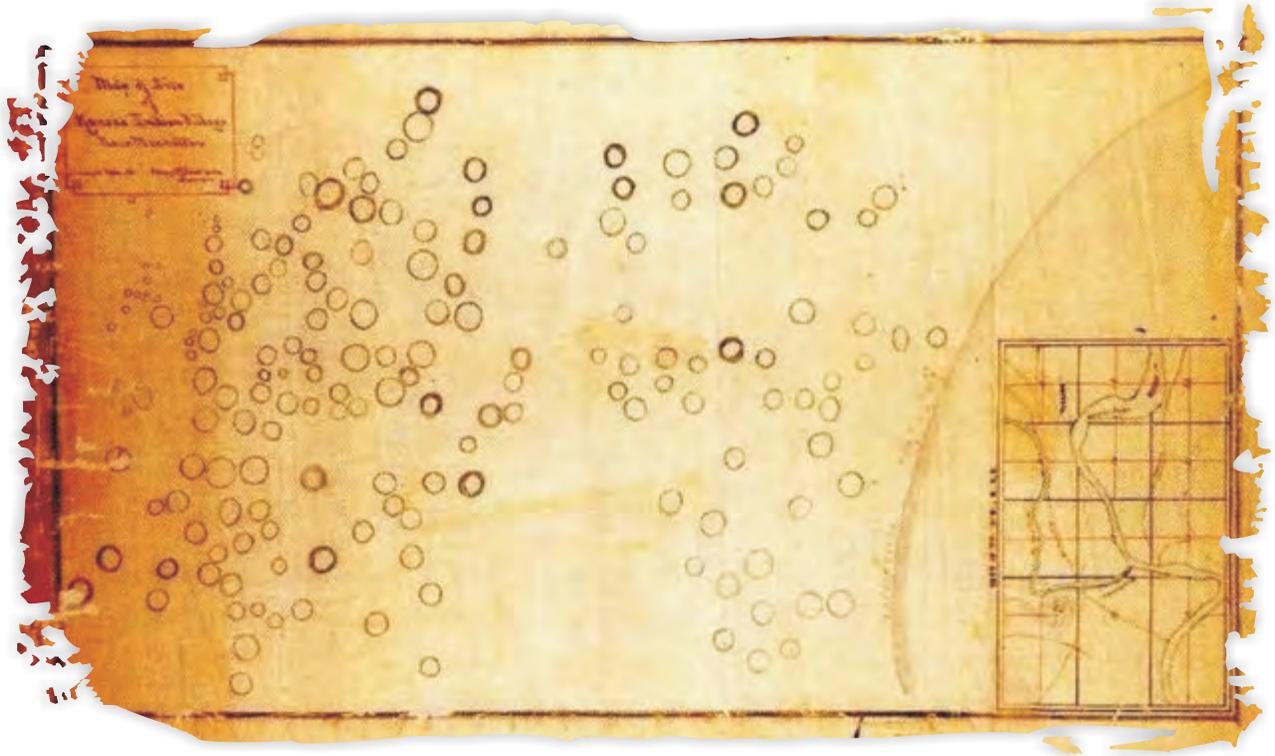
the Kaw language, which he and Linda hope to collaborate on in the coming year.

It is hard to imagine what the state of the Kaw language would be today if Dr. Rankin hadn't heeded the call of his colleague four decades ago to work on Native languages. Many Kaw citizens have contributed to the language program over the years, but Dr. Rankin has been a tireless and constant presence, now an esteemed elder, to whom we all owe an inestimable debt of gratitude.

*Submitted by
Linda A. Cumberland, PH.D.
Director, Kaw Language
Department*



Read the Kanza News article about James Owen Dorsey at www.kawnation.com/news/KanzaNewsletterVolume5Issue4.pdf

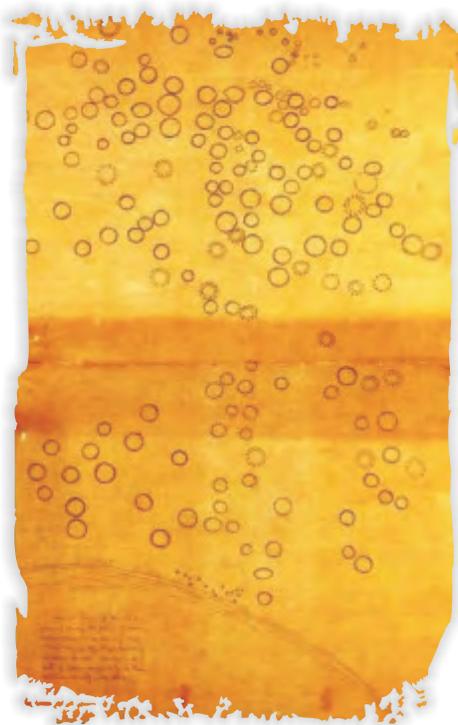


Blue Earth Village

Blue Earth Village is thought to be the largest American Indian Village site and the most important archeological site in the State of Kansas. This village was the home to approximately 1,500 Kanza and was thought to have been occupied as early as 1790. In 1819 Thomas Say visited the Kanza at Blue Earth with Stephen Long's expedition.

The Blue Earth Village is located near the confluence of the Kansas River and the Big Blue River. The Kanza abandoned Blue Earth Village in 1830. By this time they had become associated with the new government of the United States and were the recipients of a brand new treaty allowing them to give up their land for the benefit of others.

This was the Treaty of 1825. This relationship removed the Kanza to areas north of Topeka. In this area the Kanza established American Chief Village, Hard Chief Village and Fool Chief Villages. Blue Earth Village spread over more than 100 acres, and is located on



the outskirts of the City of Manhattan. The site reportedly contains the remains of more than 150 Kanza earth lodges.

Until recently, it was believed that most of Blue Earth Village had been destroyed by the lateral movement of the Kansas River. However, Kansas State Historical Society archeologists recently reinvestigated the area and believe this is not true, and indeed a large part of the site still existed. They also discovered unpublished maps of Blue Earth Village from the 19th century.

In 1880, KSHS Secretary Franklin G. Adams commissioned Henry Stackpole, a prominent Manhattan attorney, to create a detailed map of what remains of the Blue Earth Village site in the *Transaction of the Kansas State Historical Society*, Vol. 1. This was believed to be the only map of the site until recently.

Mr. John Tomasic, an archeologist with the Kansas Historical Society, and the author of *The Rediscovery of Lost Maps of Manhattan's Blue Earth Kansa*

Indian Village, found these references and interrupted them as being Blue Earth Village. The Maps and article were published in *Kansas Preservation Magazine*, Vol. 33, No. 3.

In the State Archives, Mr. Tomasic conducted a search with the assistance of Bob Knecht, a KSHS archivist, and was pleased to find not only one but two of Stackpole's unpublished 1880 maps had been found. The first was in the original 1880 field map of Blue Earth Village depicting more than 150 earth lodges of varying sizes on the north bank of the Kansas River. This map appears to be showing the site of the Kansa Indian Village as described by Professor Thomas Say of Major Long's exploring expedition in 1819. Stackpole worked for the Kansas Historical Society in May 1880. The site shows a map of the earth lodges in 1880 when Stackpole was in the field mappings the area for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The second of the maps appears to be



the revised version of Stackpole's 1880 field map. The revised map has an inset map that shows the general location of Blue Earth Village; this is clearly the map of the village published in 1880. With careful scrutiny and review, it is clear much more of the village still exists than originally believed.

This discovery is very important because we now have the opportunity to protect this site that was thought to be lost forever. With the cooperation of

KDOT, KSHS and most of all the Kanza people, Blue Earth Village will live on to remind the world that we did not always have a Walmart, cell phones and digital TV. Early Kanza life prospered with nature as its resource. If you do the math, you will find Blue Earth Village has survived 224 years. We need to remember that only yesterday we thought it was gone forever. We have a second chance — let's use it.

If you would like more information, contact the Kanza Museum at the Kaw Nation Headquarters in Kaw City, Okla., at 580-269-2552 and ask for Crystal Douglas.

I would like to thank John Tomasic, an archeologist with KSHS, for his dedication and interest to the Kanza people. "Good work."

If you would like to visit the Archives, contact the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka or visit them at www.kansasmemory.org/item/224981.

Crystal Douglas
Kanza Museum Director



Distinguished visitor at Kanza Museum

Chris Howell, Executive Director for the Office of the Governor, State of Kansas, and liaison for Native American Affairs, traveled to Kaw Nation and received a personal tour from Kanza Museum Director Crystal Douglas. Howell is pictured above with Kaw Nation Chair Guy Munroe.

"Thanks so much for hosting a great meeting yesterday in Kaw City. I really enjoyed the whole day touring around the Kaw area and seeing how much work your tribe is doing. I am already looking forward to my next trip to the Kaw Headquarters. Please send Chairman Munroe my thanks for his hospitality."

— Chris Howell
Executive Director
Kansas Native American Affairs Office



Kanza 2012 calendars are available

To get your copy, contact Kanza Museum Director Crystal Douglas by email at cdouglas@kawnation.com.

Include your mailing address along with the number of calendars you are requesting.

Supply is limited, so respond quickly.

Most elaborate Indian wedding

WASHUNGA, Aug. 4, 1914 — One of the most elaborate ceremonies ever witnessed in the Indian Tribe, following the custom of three to four hundred years ago, resplendent with gay attire. Laden with valuable gifts and witnessed by more than 500 people, including members of a dozen tribes of Indians and prominent citizens of Oklahoma and Kansas occurred at high noon near this place when Minnie Mehojah, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mehojah, and Gene Munroe, the twenty-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Munroe, were united in marriage with Paul Allen, the noted Osage nuptial artist as master of ceremonies.

Although they had resided in and among the Osage and Ponca, Otoe and Kaw Indians for the past ten years, those who attended this wedding yesterday had never seen anything equal to it, gay

decorations, appointments and all in perfect order.

Yesterday morning the groom accompanied by his family, the bride accompanied by her family went to Newkirk in automobiles where they procured a marriage license and were married according to the laws of Oklahoma before Judge Dvall, County Judge of Kay County. The wedding party returned to their respective homes, only a half a mile apart and near this place, reached here about 10:30 whereupon the old Indian custom of matrimonial vows was inaugurated with a burst of glory.

The bride's parents were assisted by Edmond Mehojah and wife, and Rufus Test and wife, relatives of the bride while the grooms' parents were assisted by Claude McCauley and wife. At 11:30 the first real Indian wedding held by any of the tribes of this section for the past seven years began. One side of the road was located the groom, his family and about 300 guests while the other side was the bride, her family and a like number of guests.

All of the order and solemnity attending a wedding of royalty was prevalent throughout the gorgeous ceremonies. On either side was a specially constructed arbor under which the guests were seated. While surrounding them were tents and tee-pees in which the Indian guests who had come for the entire feast were housed. At least an acre of ground was composed on each side of the road to take care of visitors.

About two hours preceding the ceremonies the feast was prepared by the respective contracting parties, who moved about their duties with perfect order, and who prepared in Indian custom all of the delicacies known to man. Two separate beasts were prepared and it appeared to be a preparation in friendly rivalry. As the many rare delicacies were being arranged for the occasion the bride's mother and aunt sat before a campfire and prepared a bountiful supply of old fashioned squaw bread for the feast.

At a given signal for the ceremonies to begin two immense American Flags were hoisted before the camps of the contracting parties, after which the bride was escorted to a little tee-pee a short distance from her former quarters. The tee-pee was open on three sides and gave full view to the handsome full-blood maiden as she sat there elaborately gowned in all of the most gorgeous attire obtainable and seated among expensive robes and blankets.

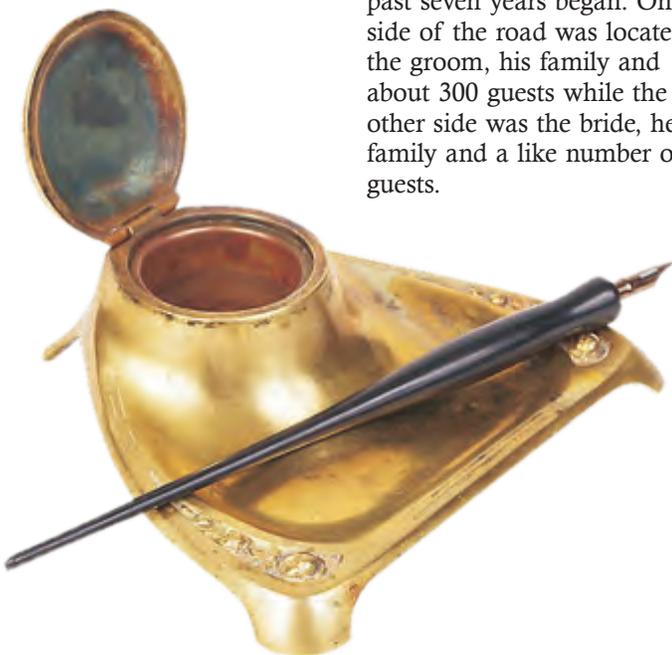
She was accompanied to the tee-pee by her mother

and two other lady relatives. The bride's gown consisted of a gladsome array of the finest woolens, ribbons and beads that could be assembled. The gown was made by Mrs. Rufus Test after the Indian Custom. As soon as the bride was seated, a mournful cry came from across the quarters of the groom, whereupon the groom followed by relatives left their quarters and receded to the bride's tee-pee. The groom rode a beautiful horse gaily decorated in blankets and ribbons of the richest colors. The relatives following led other horses gaily decorated, all of which were presents to the bride's parents. Following the procession of fine horses a fine touring car, which was a present from the groom to the bride's parents. The car was a 1914 Buick and came from the Collision Garage of this city.

The groom was escorted to the tee-pee where he was seated beside his Indian Maiden and where the Indian ceremony of marriage was performed by the three full blood Indian Ministers.

Preceding the saying of the ceremony the guest all assembled near the tee-pee and listened attentively to the eloquent speech said by the master of ceremonies, which came in Indian lingo and was not understood by the white folks present. However, for the benefit of those who could not understand, an official interpreter was present to tell them.

Following the ceremony the Munroe feast was brought over whereupon the bride's parents brought in



one of the most elaborate arrays of silverware and chinaware to be had in that section, a present to the groom and for the needs of the occasion. Three whole beefs were barbecued for the feast. The menu of which included everything to be had on the markets and much of which was shipped in for the August occasion.

Paul Albert led the ceremonies at the feast.

First the bridal party was seated, then the full bloods, followed by the half breeds and then the white guests.

Mother Earth enshrouded with beautifully colored blankets furnished the festivities board which was placed in the shades of the crudely constructed arbors. The invited guest consisted of merchants, and bankers of Kaw, Washunga, Newkirk and

Arkansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bunnell were among those present from Arkansas City. After the feast the groom left his bride and went back to his own quarters shortly after which the bride bedecked in another gown of finery and seated on a fine spotted horse rode over to her mate, followed by her parents who returned gifts for those formerly brought over by the groom. They consisted of money, fine horses decorated in ribbons and blankets of rich colors and more resplendent colors on blankets even of more value than the fine horses.

Other relatives of the bride came with gifts including silverware, chinaware and the feast which the bride's parents had prepared and which provided a late diner feast last night.

Upon their arrival at the groom's camp with all these presents, the bride's folks were presented with eight more fine horses and many other presents which was a fine piano. Before the bride went away, she was bedecked in another highly decorated gown which made the third gown worn for the occasion. After a visit of about 30 minutes the bride returned to er side of the park and turned over to her parents the other gifts she had received. She was mounted on a snow white horse and her return trip and the sight was one of beauty. The featured horses bedecked with the brightest colors presented a gala appearance more gorgeous than any parade ever witnessed.

When she had turned over the presents with proper ceremony the groom and bride

departed in her auto for their future home about a mile and a half away, where a dance was given in their honor which lasted until sun-up this morning.

The entire gifts exchange amount to more than \$6,000 making the largest array of gifts ever presented by an Indian wedding in Oklahoma.

The horses were the choicest breed and the other gifts were equally well chosen. The most perfect order and decorum followed the entire program and the sight was one of wonder to those who were fortunate enough to witness it.

Most elaborate Indian (Parents of Clyde G. Munroe) wedding.

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Reprinted from the Arkansas City Traveler, 1914

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mitigation planning valuable to Kaw Nation

People ask what is mitigation? Mitigation may be the most important phase of the Emergency Management strategy. It is the only component that has the potential to eliminate or reduce the need for the others, such as Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

The value of mitigation to our citizens is that by creating safer areas in our community, we will be able to reduce or avoid injury and loss of life and property, which will then enable individuals and communities to recover more quickly from disasters. In turn this will lessen the financial impact of disasters to individuals, communities and society in general.

The goals of our Mitigation Committee are to intro-



duce a plan for the Kaw Nation so we can be prepared to respond to various disasters, to provide early warning, shelters, training and proper response during and following a natural or man-

made disaster. This should help avoid damage and economic loss to the Nation and its members.

*Jerry Evans
Emergency Management
Director*

Environmental Department Mitigation Committee, front row from left, Sarah Yanez, Diane James, Tammy Wingo and Jennie Baker; back row, Erin Kekahbah, Bernadette Hicks, Crystal Douglas, Gary Robison and Director Jerry Evans.

NOTICE OF DECISION TO TAKE LANDS INTO TRUST FOR THE KAW NATION

Pursuant to 26 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151.12(b), notice is hereby given that the Regional Director, Southern Plains Regional Office, P.O. Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005, the authorized Representative of the Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, has made a decision to acquire the following described real estate in the name of the United States of America in trust for the Kaw Nation:

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 30, Township 28 North (T28N), Range 3 East (R3E), of the Indian Meridian (I.M.), Kay County, State of Oklahoma, more fully described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said NW/4; thence N 89°34'03"E along the North line of

said NW/4 a distance of 2400.18 feet to the Northeast corner of said NW/4; thence S00°00'38"E along the East line of said NW/4 a distance of 2639.77 feet to the Southeast corner of said NW/4; thence S89°39'33"W along the South line a distance of 1316.77 feet; thence N00°21'47"E and parallel to the West line of said NW/4 a distance of 989.89 feet; thence S89°34'03"W and parallel to the North line of said NW/4 a distance of 167.82 feet; thence N00°21'47"E and parallel to the West line of said NW/4 a distance of 933.50 feet (the Northerly 680.0 of the described line also being the East line of the White Plume Subdivision); thence S89°34'03"W and parallel to the North line of said NW/4 a distance of 932.78 feet to a point on the West line of said NW/4 (the described line also being the North line of White Plume Subdivision); thence N00°21'47"E along the West line of said NW/4 a distance of

714.45 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing 100.89 acres, more or less.

Less:

A tract of land lying in the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 28 North, Range 3 East of the Indian Meridian, Kay County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 28 North, Range 3 East of the Indian Meridian, Kay County, Oklahoma; thence South along the West Line of said Northwest Quarter on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees, 42 minutes, 13 seconds West, a distance of 714.45 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees, 56 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with the North Line of said Northwest Quarter, A distance of 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the herein described tract; thence North

00 degrees, 42 minutes, 13 seconds East, parallel with the West Line of said Northwest Quarter, A Distance of 340.00 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees, 56 minutes, 00 seconds East, parallel with the North Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 699.78 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees, 42 Minutes, 13 seconds West, parallel with the West Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 340.00 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees, 56 minutes, 00 seconds West, parallel with the North Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 699.78 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.5 acres, more or less.

A final agency determination to accept subject real estate in trust has been made and the Secretary of the Interior shall acquire title in the name of the United States no sooner than thirty (30) days subsequent to publication of this notice.

In loving memory of our Kaw Tribal members

Julia Jones

D.O.D. 10.23.2011

Hazel Sewell

D.O.D. 12.29.2005

Nellie Chouteau Vaden

D.O.D. 12.16.2011

Virginia Waugh

D.O.D. 08.02.2011

Debby Jean Penisten Catsinas

D.O.D. 11.20.2011



NOTICE OF DECISION TO TAKE LANDS INTO TRUST FOR THE KAW NATION

Pursuant to 26 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151.12(b), notice is hereby given that the Regional Director, Southern Plains Regional Office, P.O. Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005, the authorized Representative of the Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, has made a decision to acquire the following described real estate in the name of the United States of America in trust for the Kaw Nation:

A part of Lot 1, Block 3, of the New Townsite of Kaw City, an Addition to the City of Kaw City, Kay County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the Southerly line of said Lot 1, said point being 275 feet Westerly of the Southeast corner of said Lot 1;

thence South 82°38'51" West along said Southerly line of Lot 1 for a distance of 300 feet; thence North 7°21'09" West for a distance of 275.80 feet to a point on the Northerly line of said Lot 1, said point being 127.98 feet Southeasterly of the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence South 53°58'49" East for a distance of 2.02 feet to a point of angle on said Northerly line of Lot 1; thence North 82°38'51" East for a distance of 250 feet; thence North 39°16'31" East for a distance of 66.76 feet; thence South 7°21'09" East for a distance of 320.26 feet to the point of beginning,

AND

A part of Lot 1, Block 3 of the New Townsite of Kaw City, an Addition to the City of Kaw City, Kay County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows to-wit: Commencing at the most Westerly corner of

said Lot 1, thence North 36°01'11" East along the Northwesterly line of said Lot 1 for a distance of 400 feet; thence South 53°58'49" East along Northerly line of said Lot 1, for a distance of 127.98 feet; thence South 7°21'09" East for a distance of 275.80 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 1, Block 3; thence South 82°38'51" West along the Southerly line of said Lot 1, for a distance of 213.27 feet to a point of curve; thence around a curve to the right having a radius of 200 feet for a distance of 176.46 feet to a point of beginning, containing 4.02 acres, more or less.

A final agency determination to accept subject real estate in trust has been made and the Secretary of the Interior shall acquire title in the name of the United States no sooner than thirty (30) days subsequent to publication of this notice.



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Student's 'Fox Hunt' printed in hometown paper



The *Hunterdon County Democrat Newspaper* regularly asks local schools within its area to have students submit stories. Based on the originality and creativity of the story, a winner is selected and the story published into the newspaper.

Allison Koopman, Kaw tribal citizen and fifth-grade student at East Amwell School in New Jersey, was chosen as the winner. Allison was also lucky enough to have her picture titled "The Fox Hunt" published. The subject hits close to home for her, since she lives out in the Amwell Valley, in the town of East Amwell, N.J.. In late summer and fall, fox hunting is common in

the township and is often seen by most of the residents in open areas of the town.

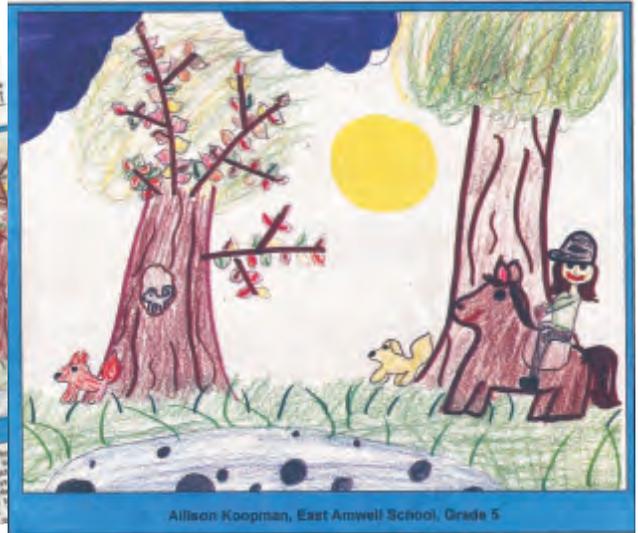
She is involved in the art club, the environmental club and band at her school. Allison plays the flute and is involved in Girls Scouts and 4-H. As you can tell by the photo, Allison loves her dog Shadow and is part of the Woof Dog Club. She enjoys showing her Golden Retriever at local shows.

Allison's father is John Koopman Jr. from East Amwell, N.J.; her grandfather John Koopman Sr. is from Somerville, N.J., and her great-grandmother is Marie Lessert Koopman from Ponca City, Okla.

If I could go anywhere

If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would choose Oklahoma. I would choose to go there because my great-grandmother lives in Ponca City. Also I would like to go there because my heritage goes back to two Indian tribes. One is called the Kaw and the other is the Osage. And that is one place I would like to go in my life to visit.

Allison Koopman
East Amwell Twp. School
Grade 5



Allison Koopman, East Amwell School, Grade 5



District champs

The **Shidler Lady Tigers** were crowned District 4 champions in the Oklahoma Class B girls basketball championship series in February.

Shidler beat Claremore Christian and Bluejacket to win Districts and advance to Regionals. At Regionals, Shidler beat Burlington, 49-30, but lost to Timberlake, 59-21.

As runners-up in Regionals, the Lady Tigers advanced to the Area tournament, where they beat Braggs, 52-47, but were eliminated by Burlington, 31-27. It was the farthest the Lady Tigers advanced through the tournament since 1998.

Desiree Storm Brave, fifth from left, Kaw and Osage, is one of four Native girls on the team. Storm was named Outstanding Rebounder at Northern Oklahoma College's Basketball Camp last summer.

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A group of approximately 25 people, including men and women of various ages, are posed for a group photo. Some are wearing military uniforms or medals. The background is a plain wall with some framed pictures.

**Third Annual
VETERANS HONOR
REWARD CEREMONY**

Saturday, May 26, 2012
Kaw Nation Community Center • Kaw City, Okla.
Dedication of Portrait Wall at 10 a.m. • Lunch at noon

All veterans and friends invited • Family members of Kaw veterans are welcome to participate
Presented by Kaw Nation Veterans Society and Cultural Committee